

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Beneficiaries under ICDS Scheme

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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of women and children covered and benefited under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme specially from SCs and STs categories during each of the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has addressed the problem of slow progress in improvement of malnutrition especially amongst women and children of SCs and STs categories and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has considered Public-Private-Partnership in ICDS and considered collaboration in Corporate Social Responsibility programmes and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether India has not been performing well in the World Rankings on malnutrition; and
- (e) If so, the reasons therefor along with the remedial measures taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) : The number of pregnant women & lactating mother and children (6 months to 6 years) benefitted under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme including SCs and STs categories during each of the last three years are as under:

(Beneficiaries in lakhs)

Year Number of beneficiaries of

Supplementary Nutrition Pre-school Education i.e. Children (3 years to 6 years)

Children

(6 months to 6 years) Pregnant Women & Lactating Mother Total

2013-14 849.41 195.68 1045.09 370.71

2014-15 828.99 193.34 1022.33 365.44

2015-16 828.79 192.52 1021.31 350.35

State/ UT-wise details are given at Annex-I.

(b) to (e): Ministry has entered into an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with M/s Vedanta for construction of 4,000 Anganwadi Centre buildings from their own resources under Corporate Social Responsibility programme in most backward districts of 11 States (Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh).

As per Human Development Report 2015 released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), India has been placed at 130th position in the Human Development Index (HDI) among the 188 countries.

Malnutrition is a multi-faceted problem. The important determinants are inadequate food, level of poverty leading to low purchasing power, poor socio-economic status of women, female illiteracy, high rate of population growth and low access of population to health education, safe drinking water, environmental, sanitation, hygiene and other social causes.

The Government has accorded high priority to the issue of malnutrition and is implementing several schemes/ programmes of different Ministries/ Departments through State Governments/UT Administrations to address one or other aspect related to Nutrition. This Ministry is implementing Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, 'Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (RGSEAG)-'Sabla', and Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) as direct targeted interventions to address

the problem of malnutrition among women and children. Additionally, the Food and Nutrition Board of the Ministry, through its 43 regional field units, is engaged in conducting training programmes in nutrition, in addition to advocacy towards generating awareness through nutrition education programmes on the importance of healthy balanced diets especially through the use of locally available foods, mass awareness campaigns and use of electronic and print media.

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